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### (U) CALIFORNIA

#### (U) Los Angeles – Four Members of Los Angeles-Based Fraud Ring Indicted for COVID-Relief Fraud

(U) Four individuals were charged in an indictment for their alleged participation in a scheme to submit at least 35 fraudulent loan applications seeking over \$5.6 million in COVID-19 relief guaranteed by the Small Business Administration (SBA) through the Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) and the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act.

According to the indictment, the defendants conspired together, and with others, as part of a disaster relief loan fraud ring based in and around Los Angeles, California. The defendants used fake, stolen, or synthetic identities, including “Iuliia Zhadko” and “Viktoria Kauichko,” to submit fraudulent EIDL and PPP loan applications to the SBA and federally insured financial institutions.

SOURCE: 19 November 2020, [DOJ](#)

### (U) NATIONAL

#### (U) Tennessee – Seven MS-13 Members Indicted in Violent Crime and Drug Distribution Conspiracy

(U) Nashville – A federal grand jury in Nashville, Tennessee, returned a 16-count superseding indictment Wednesday, charging seven MS-13 gang members with conspiracy to distribute cocaine and marijuana and serious firearm-related offenses. The indictment alleges that beginning in 2014 and continuing until yesterday, the defendants conspired with each other to obtain bulk quantities of marijuana and cocaine for redistribution in and around middle Tennessee. Once the drugs were received, the defendants would reduce them into smaller quantities and sell them in and around nightclubs in Nashville and from the parking lots and restrooms of these establishments.

SOURCE: 19 November 2020, [DOJ](#)

#### (U) Texas – MS-13 Gang Member Sentenced for Machete Attack

(U) Dallas – An MS-13 gang member was sentenced Tuesday to more than 17 years in federal prison for his role in a brutal machete attack at an apartment complex in Dallas, Texas. According to court documents the defendants, mostly El Salvadorian nationals in the US illegally, admitted they belonged to MS-13; a notoriously violent transnational street gang with the creed, “kill, rob, rape, control.” As members, the defendants were required to commit acts of violence to protect the gang’s reputation and were urged to attack and kill rivals whenever possible. To that end, on 14 July 2017, Miralda-Cruz and several other gang members, including codefendants Rolan Ivan Hernandez Fuentes and Jerson Gutierrez-Ramos, ambushed rival gang members in an apartment complex in Dallas.

SOURCE: 19 November 2020, [DOJ](#)

### (U) INTERNATIONAL

#### (U) Germany – Prosecutors Seek Life for Extremist who Attacked Synagogue on Yom Kippur

(U) Halle – Prosecutors called Wednesday for a court to impose a life-sentence on a 28-year-old right-wing extremist who attacked a synagogue in the eastern city of Halle last year, killing two people after he failed to gain entry to the building. The attack on Yom Kippur, Judaism's holiest day, is considered one of the worst anti-Semitic assaults in Germany's post-war history. The defendant, Stephan Balliet, is

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alleged to have posted a screed against Jews before trying to shoot his way into the synagogue on 9 October 2019, while broadcasting the attack live on a popular gaming site.

SOURCE: 19 November 2020, [NBC News](#)

### **(U) Israel – Man Indicted for Planned Terrorist Attack at Temple Mount**

(U) Jerusalem – An indictment was issued Thursday against a 20-year-old resident of Rahat who is suspected of planning a terrorist attack on the Temple Mount, Israeli media reported. According to the indictment, the man was planning the stabbing attack because of anger he felt towards Israeli security forces. The man went to Jerusalem's Old City and was apprehended near the Lion's Gate by security forces who thought he was acting suspiciously.

SOURCE: 19 November 2020, [Jerusalem Post](#)

### **(U) United Kingdom – Gloucestershire Man Arrested on Suspicion of Terrorism Offences**

(U) Gloucestershire – A 43-year-old man has been arrested on suspicion of terrorism offences. Counter-Terrorism Policing South East detained the man earlier and he remains in custody. Officers are searching three locations in the county for another man in the West Mercia Police force area as part of their inquiry. A spokesman said people may see officers in protective suits, but there is believed to be no wider threat to the public at this time.

SOURCE: 19 November 2020, [BBC](#)

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